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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e). Prosecution is closed as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 because the last office action was a Final Office Action, mailed January 11, 2005.

The three-month period for a reply to the Final Office Action expired on April 11, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, extending the period for

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reply up to and including July 11, 2005. The Director is authorized to charge any fees not covered to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005, Applicants offer the following amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.